

ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of February 16, 2006

AGC Office, Tacoma

Attending:

X	Frank Scarsella	X	Bill Grady		Scott Droppelman
	Scott Stephens		Bob Glenn		Dan Glover
X	James Prouty				
X	Jim Spaid	X	Al Dyer		Mike Morishige
X	Gil McNabb		Ken Stone		Bob Romine
	Larry Eik		Jay Drye		Casey Liles
X	Rich Tveten	X	Jana Crawford		

Minutes of January 19, 2006 Meeting

Distributed and reviewed copies, no comments or revisions were made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings -

The Administration Team last met on February 10, 2006. Meeting notes were not yet available in time for this meeting.

Meeting notes from the November 18, 2005, Structures Team meeting were handed out for review. One of the items that was of interest to the Roadway Team was that the use of Self Compacting Concrete (SCC) was being looked on with favor for certain prefabricated structural items. It was noted that SCC was already being allowed for precast barrier and catch basins.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Section 2-09, Structure Excavation – Jim Spaid noted that no additional work had been done regarding changes to this section of the Standard Specifications. There were some comments and suggestions expected from the Structures Team. These will be compiled for discussion at a future meeting. There was some discussion regarding how it was determined to classify structure excavation as either A or B. This will be reviewed.

New Business

Section 8-01.3(1)B – Rich Tveten, Water Quality Team Lead from HQ Environmental Services Office, began the discussion of changes that were forthcoming due to a new NPDES permit. The new permit will have application to projects that will disturb as little

as one acre of ground. Water quality measurements for turbidity and pH will be increasing dramatically. WSDOT staff will probably perform this testing.

Jana Crawford, ~~Water Quality Specialist~~ Statewide Erosion Control Coordinator from HQ Environmental handed out a portion of the Monitoring Requirements section of the new NPDES permit, along with some suggested changes to the Standard Specifications relative to inspection and reporting requirements of the ESC Lead. Also included was a sample SWPP Inspection Form, which could be utilized by the ESC Lead in responding to the requirements of the NPDES. Jim Spaid noted that he and Jana had agreed that more discussion would be needed before these changes would be implemented. With regard to the reporting process, the group seemed to lean toward a standardized form or checklist, rather than trying to itemize in the specification. Additional revisions of Section 8-01.3(1)B will be run through the Team as they are developed.

Treatment of pH for Concrete Work – Rich Tveten shared proposed changes to the current general special provision (GSP) for treatment of pH for concrete work. The NPDES requires testing for pH when there is significant concrete work or cement or kiln dust amended soils on a project. The major change was an added requirement that the pH of the receiving water could not change by more than 0.2 pH units. The revised version of the GSP will be in effect for projects advertised after April 3, 2006.

Section 8-08, Rumble Strips – Jim Spaid distributed copies of a proposed change to clarify that rumble strips can be constructed only on hot mix asphalt pavements. The revision also requires that the cuttings are to be disposed of off the project site. This change will be incorporated into the April amendments.

Section 8-11.3(4), Removing Guardrail – Jim Spaid distributed copies of a proposed change to better define the construction requirements of both removing guardrail and removing guardrail anchors, and to change the title of the section to include the removal of guardrail anchors. The changes were necessary to clear up some variations in interpreting the removal of these two items and how they are to be measured and paid. In some situations, inspectors have not included transition sections, terminal sections and expansion section in the measurement for removal of guardrail. In reviewing the measurement requirements, it seemed very clear as to how and what to measure. It was determined that a change to the construction requirements would help to interpret the measurement requirements. These changes will be incorporated into the April amendments.

Section 5-04.3(13), Surface Smoothness – Jim Spaid noted that this special provision on smoothness for HMA pavements had been developed by a joint WAPA/WSDOT task force on pavement smoothness. The special provision has thus far been used on one project in SW Region. Publishing the provision as a GSP will give it better statewide exposure. The task group intends to evaluate the use and outcomes of the specification and make recommendations on what changes might be needed, the types of projects that

would benefit from it and how the three pay schedules will be applied. The GSP will be published and available for projects on April 3, 2006.

Other Items –

Discussion Topics;

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for ~~March 16th~~April 20, 2006 at the Tacoma AGC office.
Start time 8:30am.